

HOUSE BILL 1553

By Niceley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 44,
Chapter 2, relative to the prevention and treatment
of diseases.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 44-2-102, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a), and by adding a new subsection thereto, as follows:

(b) Entrance onto any premises by the commissioner and the state veterinarian shall not occur without prior notification of the owner, operator, or agent in charge of the property. Notice required herein shall be given at least seventy-two (72) hours before entry.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 44-2-102(5), is amended by deleting the last sentence in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Such destruction may be ordered only for control of any animal disease for which the state has a control program, or for any animal disease not known to exist in the United States, provided however, no animal shall be confiscated or destroyed in accordance with this subdivision (5) without the owner of such animal first being given the opportunity to have the animal tested by a private laboratory to confirm or deny the presence of disease.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.